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SUBJECT: PHILIP AGEE'S ALLEGATIONS RE CIA AND DESTABILIZATION
OF JAMAICA

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1. REFTEL CAPSULIZED AGEE'S SEPTEMBER 10 INTERVIEW ON JBC
RADIO.

2. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT KEY EXCERPTS (APPROXIMATELY LAST
TEN MINUTES OF ONE HOUR INTERVIEW).
BEGIN TEXT

COMMENTATOR: MR. AGEE WE'VE HEARD A LOT RECENTLY ABOUT THE
POSSIBILITY OF CIA INTERVENTION IN CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES
INCLUDING THIS ONE. DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS?

AGEE: I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING REGARDING THE SPECIFICS OF WHAT
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THEY WOULD BE DOING HERE BUT I DO KNOW THEY HAVE AN

OFFICE HERE IN THE U.S. EMBASSY AND THEY UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE A FEW PEOPLE; 2-3 MAYBE, UNDER NON OFFICIAL COVER, I.E., AS BUSINESSMEN, TOURISTS, RETIRED PEOPLE, WHATEVER, AND THAT THEY UNDOUBTEDLY ARE ACTIVE. THEY ARE NOT SITTING AROUND HERE CLIPPING NEWSPAPERS AND LOOKING AT THE CEILING. THEY ARE AN ACTIVIST ORGANIZATION BY DEFINITION.

THERE IS A SITUATION HERE WHICH IS VERY CRITICAL FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY AND THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AS WE ALL KNOW. THERE IS A VERY STRANGE COORDINATION OR COINCIDENCE OF ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN GOING ON NOW SINCE JANUARY. I MEAN, YOU KNOW THAT BETTER THAN I DO. THERE SEEMS TO BE A PROBLEM OF CREDIT, KINGSTON HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A HARDSHIP POST BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE - AND HOW COULD THERE BE ANY HARDSHIP IN LIVING IN A CITY LIKE THIS? THE AMERICAN PRESS, I HAVE RIGHT HERE IN MY BAG, SOME ARTICLES FROM THE WASHINGTON POST AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES FROM JUST LAST WEEK OR TWO, AND THEY ARE LONG, ALJARMIST ARTICLES ABOUT HOW TERRIBLE THINGS ARE IN JAMAICA AND THIS OF COURSE HAS THE EFFECT OF SCARING AWAY THE TOURISTS. SO EASTERN AIRLINES STOPS FLYING IN HERE, ALL OF THESE THINGS INDICATE THAT THERE IS A LACK OF CONFIDENCE AT THE VERY LEAST IN THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING IN JAMAICA, AND THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE OUT TO TRY TO SQUEEZE THE GOVERNMENT OR THE PEOPLE OF JAMAICA INTO CONFORMING TO THAT OLD RELATIONSHIP OF DEPENDENCY WHICH MAKES IT VERY PROFITABLE FOR THEM; NOT FOR THE JAMAICANS, I MEAN, BUT FOR THE OTHERS.

THE COINCIDENCE OF ALL THESE THINGS SUGGESTS THAT - REMEMBER THAT THE CIA IS NOT THE ONLY AGENCY INVOLVED, THERE ARE OTHERS TOO AND THEY WERE IN CHILE TOO AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW IF YOU HAVE SEEN THAT CHILE REPORT, SO THAT THE CIA IS ONLY ONE AGENCY ACTIVE IN THIS SORT OF THING AND THEY GET INVOLVED IN THE DIRTY WORK AND THE SECRET ACTIVITIES. THERE IS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, THERE ARE COMMERCIAL BANKS, THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF AGENCIES WHICH ALSO HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN WHAT HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BECOME KNOWN AS DESTABILIZATION BECAUSE OF THE CHILE INCIDENT. SO THERE ARE VERY STRONG INDICATORS. WE KNOW THERE IS A CIA OFFICE HERE. I THINK YOU CAN DRAW CERTAIN CONCLUSIONS TO THAT.

COMMENTATOR: THESE ARE SUSPICIONS, YOU HAVE NO HARD EVIDENCE.

AGEE: OF COURSE NOT. IF I HAD HARD EVIDENCE I WOULD READ IT TO YOU, GIVE YOU DOCUMENTS.

COMMENTATOR: WHILE YOU WERE IN THE CIA DID YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE OPERATIONS GOING ON IN JAMAICA FOR EXAMPLE.

AGEE: NO, I DIDN'T. AS IT TURNED OUT THE MAN WHO WAS MY BOSS IN WASHINGTON DURING 1966-67, WHOSE NAME IS JACK KAUFMAN, HE CAME DOWN HERE AS THE CHIEF OF CIA AND WAS HERE FROM 1969-73 MORE OR LESS AND THEN ANOTHER PERSON WHO I KNEW QUITE WELL, TOM KEENAN, REPLACED HIM AS HEAD OF THE CIA HERE. BUT I NEVER WAS CONCERNED SPECIFICALLY WITH THINGS RELATING TO ANY OF THE WEST INDIES EXCEPT CUBA. AND SO, I CAN'T SPEAK SPECIFICALLY OF WHAT'S GOING ON HERE BUT WITHOUT ANY DOUBT THE TRADE UNION FIELD, I THINK, IS ONE OF THE VERY CRITICAL AREAS FOR INTERVENTION BY THE CIA HERE RIGHT NOW.

COMMENTATOR: IF YOU WERE THE LEADER OF A SMALL DEVELOPING COUNTRY, WHAT MEASURES WOULD YOU TAKE TO COUNTER THE CIA HERE BECAUSE AFTER ALL IT IS A PROBLEM OF GOVERNMENT.

AGEE: YES, IT IS. REMEMBERING FIRST OF ALL THOUGH THAT IT ISN'T JUST THE CIA. THERE ARE A LOT OF AGENCIES INVOLVED IN WHAT HAS BECOME KNOWN AS IMPERIALISM AND IT'S NOT JUST THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES.

COMMENTATOR: YES, BEGINNING WITH AGENCIES LIKE THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, AND COMING DOWN TO THE, (AT THIS POINT HE WAS INTERRUPTED BY AGEE). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGEE: WHERE THE CIA IS SPECIFICALLY CONCERNED I WOULD FIRST OF ALL TELL THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES, MR. AMBASSADOR, WE WANT RELATIONS WITH YOU, WE WANT GOOD, FRIENDLY DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. WE WANT THEM TO BE POLITE AND CORRECT BUT WE DON'T WANT THE CIA BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT DIPLOMATS. THAT IS THE SECRET POLITICAL POLICE SO PLEASE DO NOT HAVE ANY OF YOUR PEOPLE HERE AS CIA PEOPLE.

COMMENTATOR: DO YOU THINK YOU COULD DEPEND UPON THE AMBASSADOR?

AGEE: OF COURSE NOT. NO. BECAUSE THEN YOU HAVE TO

KNOW HOW TO IDENTIFY THE CIA PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE
AMBASSADOR'S STAFF AND YOU DO THAT BY KNOWING --FIRST
OF ALL MAYBE BY KNOWING SOME OF THEM BY NAME IN MY

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CASE. SECONDLY, BY EXAMINING THEIR BACKGROUNDS, THEIR
PERSONNEL DESIGNATIONS AND THERE ARE SIGNS WHICH
INDICATE TO ME AT A GLANCE WHO IS A CIA PERSON AND WHO
ISN'T.

COMMENTATOR: YES, BUT THAT IS WITHIN THE AGENCY.

AGEE: YES, WELL, I WOULD WANT MY SECURITY PEOPLE TO
KNOW THAT. IF I WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THIS COUNTRY -
THIS HYPOTHETICAL COUNTRY - TO KNOW HOW TO DO THAT SO
THEY THEMSELVES CAN DETERMINE WHO THE CIA PEOPLE ARE.
I WOULD ESTABLISH VERY STRINGENT OR LET'S SAY STRICT
CONTROLS OVER THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS FOR GOVERNMENT
PEOPLE COMING DOWN FROM THE UNITED STATES AND COMING
IN FROM ANY OTHER COUNTRY, BECAUSE THE CIA CAN INFILTRATE

A LOT OF PEOPLE PRACTICALLY WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOST COUNTRY. THESE PEOPLE CAN STAY FOR MONTHS AND MONTHS WITH THEIR DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS, LIVING IN HOTELS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND UNDERTAKING ALL SORTS OF ACTIVITIES WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SO THERE HAS TO BE A VERY STRICK CONTROL OF WHO CAN BE IN HERE.

THEN AGAIN, I WOULD PUSH AHEAD WITH THE POPULAR PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO CEMENT THE ALLEGIANCE AND LOYALTY OF THE PEOPLE TO THE PROGRAMS WHICH ARE GOING AHEAD IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, OPENING UP NEW ROADS -- A LOT OF THE DIFFERENT THINGS WHICH HAVE TO DO WITH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE RECOVERY OF NATURAL RESOURCES. THAT IS THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PROGRAM. ONE IS TO KEEP DOWN AND OUT THE CIA BUT THE OTER IS TO GO AHEAD WITH REAL POSITIVE PROGRAMS. YOU SEE THE CIA CAN'T DEFEAT A COUNTRY THAT IS REALLY BEHIND A CERTAIN POLITICAL PROGRAM. THEY WERE NEVER ABLE TO DO IT IN CUBA, THEY WERE NEVER ABLE TO DO IT IN VIETNAM BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WERE BEHIND THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT IS THE KEY FACTOR - IT IS NOT THE CIA.

THEY WILL DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CONTRADICTIONS THAT DEVELOP AND THAT NATURALLY EXIST TO SPLIT ONE GROUP OFF HERE, ANOTHER GROUP OFF THERE, TURN THE MIDDLE CLASS AGAINST THE REST, IT WILL HAPPEN AND THE PATTERNS HAVE BEEN WELL ESTABLISHED. IT IS ALL WELL KNOWN SO THE REAL QUESTION IS TO MARCH AHEAD ON THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS WHICH BENEFIT THE PEOPLE AND THEY CAN NEVER DEFEAT YOU.

COMMENTATOR: YOU ARE DEALING WITH THE OFFICIAL UNITED STATES EMBASSY OFFICIALS. WHO ARE CIA AGENTS? WHAT ABOUT BUSINESSMEN? WHAT ABOUT BANKERS? WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO COME HERE ON - WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE THING THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY STARTED?

AGEE: THE PEACE CORPS.

COMMENTATOR: YES, WHAT ABOUT THE TOURIST TRADE?

AGEE: THERE ARE THOSE OTHER WAYS OF GETTING CIA PEOPLE IN HERE BUT THE PROBLEM WITH THAT TYPE OF COVER IS THAT THE PEOPLE CAN DO MUCH LESS WORK THAN A PERSON IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSY BECAUSE HE HAS TO SPEND SO MUCH TIME DOING COVER
WORK TO KEEP IT LEGITIMATE. TO KEEP UP THE LIE IN OTHER
WORDS. THAT IS CALLED MAINTAINING YOUR COVER IN THE
CIA. SO, IF HE IS A BANKER, HE HAS GOT TO SPEND MOST
OF HIS TIME BANKING AND HE ONLY HAS A FEW HOURS AT
NIGHT TO GO OUT AND DO SOME CIA WORK SO THAT THE
SECURITY/EFFICIENCY RATIO IS MUCH, MUCH GREATER IN
FAVOR OF THE CIA FOR THE PEOPLE INSIDE THE EMBASSY WHO
CAN SPEND ALL OF THEIR TIME. YOU CAN SEE IT IN MY BOOK.
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